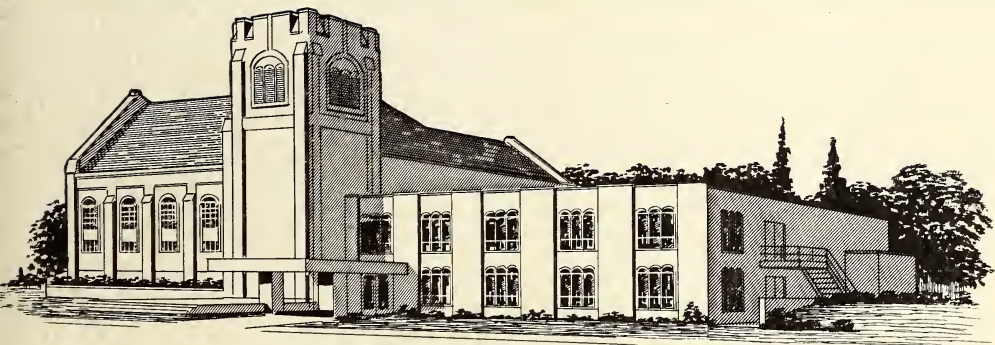


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DEDICATION SUNDAY
May 18, 1969

OUR NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING OUR NEW BUILDING

In the heart of the Harrison Hill area stands this beautiful church and educational unit, as an eternal memorial to all the members, who have through the years given of their prayers, of their time and of their talents and means, to make this day a reality.

"All have a share in the beauty,
All have a part in the plan.

What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of man?

Someone has blended the plaster
And someone has carried the stone;

For neither the man nor the Master
Has ever builded alone.

In making a roof from the weather
Or building a house for the King,

It is only by working together
That men do accomplish things."

"GIVE EVERYONE HIS LEGITIMATE DUE, whether it be rates, or taxes, or reverence, or respect." Romans 13:7—Philips Translation

For every gift, large or small,
To every planner who has planned,
To every person who has contributed effort and time,
To every soul who has prayed,
For every encouragement, for every suggestion,
To all who have gathered to worship with us,
We say — THANK YOU.



Building Committee studying plans



Signing contracts

Cornerstone Ceremony — Reformation
Sunday, October 27, 1968



Old entrance gives way to new

FESTIVE DEDICATORY SERVICE 10:45 A.M. MAY 18, 1969

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" — Peeters

INVITATION OF THE BELL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Our God, Our Help, In Ages Past" No. 63

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

I Corinthians 3:1-11, Matthew 7:21-29 — Rev. John Heistand

THE CHORAL RESPONSE: Senior Choir

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

ANTHEM: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

— Combined Youth and Children's Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER: — Rev. John Heistand

Choral Response — Senior Choir

GREETINGS FROM FORMER PASTORS

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "How Firm A Foundation"

— Colvin

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" (all singing) No. 258, Verse 1

Dedicatory Prayer

HYMN: "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 15

SERMON: "Soli Deo Gloria"

ANTHEM: "Praise Ye The Lord"

— Cesar Franck

Senior Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CHURCH —

Mr. Floyd Johnson, Building Committee Chairman

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KEY TO THE CHURCH —

Mr. J. Wilbur Haley, President of Grace Church

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" No. 184

BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE: "Little Fugue in G Minor"

— Bach

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DEDICATION 2:30 P.M. MAY 18, 1969

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" — Peeters

INVITATION OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP — Choral Introit

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 4

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: I Peter 2:1-10 Rev. Frank Lansing

CHORAL RESPONSE: Senior Choir

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: "O Sing Unto The Lord" — Hassler
Senior Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Robert Pike
Choral Response — Combined Children's and Youth Choir

GREETINGS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

Rev. Robert Pike — Son of Congregation — Pastor at
Warren United Church of Christ, Warren, Indiana

Rev. Frank Lansing — Executive Secretary, Associated Churches
The Honorable Harold S. Zeis — Mayor, City of Fort Wayne, Indiana

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Now Glad of Heart Be Everyone" — Peek

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATORY PRAYER

HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 324

SERMON: "Being Adequate Christians"
Rev. Clyde Flannery

ANTHEM: "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"
Combined Children's and Youth Choir

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" No. 35

CHORAL BENEDICTION — Silent Prayer

POSTLUDE: "Little Fugue in G Minor" — Bach

MONTH OF DEDICATION

PERSONAL DEDICATION SUNDAY

May 11 — 10:45 a.m.

Sermon: "Follow Me"

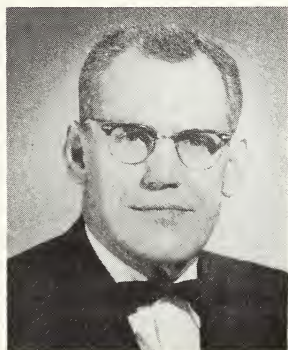
Text: "Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Sacred Rite of Confirmation:

Patricia Christine Bennett
Cinda Jean Briner
Margie Elaine Davis

Nancy Jo Dillon
Joyce Ann Snyder
James Lee Talbert

Anthem: — Senior Choir "O Lord, Increase My Faith"



COMMUNITY DEDICATORY SERVICE SPEAKER

Our Community Dedicatory Speaker is the Rev. Clyde Flannery, Associate Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. Mr. Flannery is responsible for the ministry of Learning, which includes Christian Education, Lay Life and Work, and Campus Ministry. From 1951 to 1956 he was President of Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, at the time, the youngest college president in the country. He began preaching at the age of 13, and was fully ordained at 16. He is a graduate of Berea College and Yale University Divinity School.

MUSICAL PRAISE SERVICE

Thursday, May 22 — 7:45 p.m.

Choirs from the neighboring churches and of the Fort Wayne United Churches of Christ will be our guests for an evening of sharing, fellowship and praising God through music.



EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS

Pentecost Sunday, May 25 — 10:45 a.m.

Speaker: Missionary Richard Lammers — As an evangelistic missionary, Mr. Lammers works closely with the churches of the Kyodan (United Church of Japan) in eastern Hokkaido, preaching, teaching and counseling pastors. Working with Christians and non-Christians, Mr. Lammers has developed a Christian Center near Kitami, Japan. He is a graduate of Heidelberg College and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

SERMON: "You are a Missionary"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated

Noon Carry-In-Dinner in the Green Room



STEPPING STONES OF GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1883 — APRIL 1 — Desiring to serve the need of having worship services conducted in the English language instead of German, the Rev. T. J. Bacher was sent by the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MAY 13 — Pentecost — A new congregation was born as fifty people organized themselves together in a Jewish Synagogue under the name, Grace Reformed Church.

1884 — JULY — A chapel-like lecture room was erected on the rear of lot at 316 East Washington Street. Ninety-eight people had now become a part of this new

fellowship. A Sunday School was also begun.

1888 — Rev. Bacher resigned after five years of service and was succeeded by Rev. A. K. Zartman, D. D.

1889 — JAN. 29 — A monthly news bulletin called "The Grace Church Visitor" was begun. Congregation purchased property to east of chapel and erected a parsonage.

1894 — Work was started on the erection of the downtown church building, with dedication services in April, 1895.

1912 — A new pipe organ was installed and the building redecorated and recarpeted.

1916 — Dr. Zartman tendered his resignation after twenty-eight years of service and was followed by Rev. Nevin H. Schaff of Philadelphia, Pa.

1921 — Consistory entered into communications with Salem Church about possible merger:

1922 — Installation of new heating plant in church, enlargement of kitchen facilities, complete redecoration of church interior.

Rev. Schaff resigned after six years of service to serve a Presbyterian church in Wabash, Indiana, and was succeeded by Rev. J. H. String of Cleveland, Ohio.

1923 — OCT. 14 — Fortieth anniversary of Grace Church celebrated with a rally and promotion day during the Sunday School hour, followed by Morning Worship and two services in the evening, the first being conducted by the young people.

1925 — SPRING — Congregation voted to relocate to a residential area.

DEC. — Rev. R. S. Beaver was called to Grace Church pulpit to succeed the Rev. J. H. String, who had resigned in early Spring.

1926 — JUNE 2 — Property at the corner of Lexington and Webster Streets was purchased for \$7,900.00.

1927 — JULY — Ground-breaking services were held for the new church in the Harrison Hill community, with cornerstone ceremonies held on July 31—contents of cornerstone of old downtown church, plus a number of new papers, were enclosed.

1928 — FEB. 25 — Dedication of new, beautiful house of worship, followed by a week of dedication, with former pastors and community leaders speaking each night.

1931 — Rev. R. S. Beaver tendered his resignation after six years of service and the Rev. R. E. Reemsnyder was called. The church debt totalled \$70,000.00.

1933 — Golden Anniversary was celebrated.

1934 — Merger of the Reformed and Evangelical denominations, changing local church name to Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church.

1946 — Rev. Reemsnyder retired after fifteen years of heroic and consecrated leadership, and Rev. J. W. Heistand was called to the Grace pulpit.

1947 — The area under the sanctuary was excavated and made usable for classrooms and meeting purposes.

1949 — SPRING — Parsonage at 213 North Seminole was purchased.



JULY — Rev. J. W. Heistand ended his pastorate and Rev. F. J. Lowenbergh began his ministry in October.

1952 — Rehabilitation program was begun. Exterior brickwork waterproofed, new heating plant, remodeling of chancel and new pipe organ, new carpeting in sanctuary. Improved facilities dedicated November 7, 1954.

1956 — Rev. F. J. Lowenbergh resigned to become pastor of an Ohio parish, and the Rev. Edward W. Drews of Detroit, Michigan, was installed as pastor.

1957 — The Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ, changing our local name to Grace United Church of Christ.

1958 — Grace Church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary and also initiated a three-year pledge campaign for expansion of facilities.

1962 — Rev. Edward Drews resigned to accept a call to a New York parish.

1963 — JUNE — Rev. Marvin W. Deerhake was installed as the tenth pastor of Grace Church.

1964 — The property north of the church was purchased.

1965 — JAN. — Architectural firm of Samborn, Steketee, Otis and Evans of Toledo, Ohio, was engaged.

1966 — JAN. — Congregation approved preliminary building plans.

1967 — OCT. — Bids were received, with Irmscher & Sons, Inc. being awarded the contract.

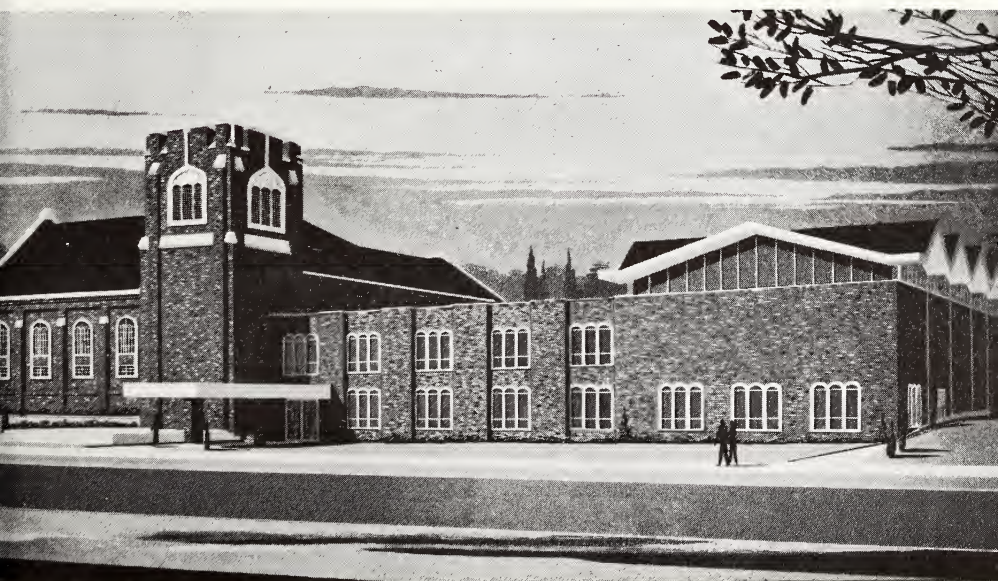
DEC. 3 — First Sunday in Advent — Ground-breaking services held at 2 P.M.

1968 — OCT. 27 — Reformation Sunday — Cornerstone laying service was held.

1969 — MAY 18 — Dedication of the new educational building

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY

Artist's rendering of building with proposed Fellowship Hall





Dear Members and Friends

It has been exciting for us to discover what God can do when we let Him work through us. Yesterday, we had a dream. Today, we can behold the fruits of faith, prayer, and sacrifice. When men are willing to surrender their lives to God and eagerly strive toward His goal, then our adventures in faith become realities.

In order to effectively minister in today's world, we have provided modern, efficient facilities. With this new building a new day has come upon Grace Church, calling us to new and greater areas of service, demanding new ventures in faith. We have built for the future that we may serve Him better — that we may enrich our program and extend our fellowship to a larger portion of our community. Therefore, our challenge increases!

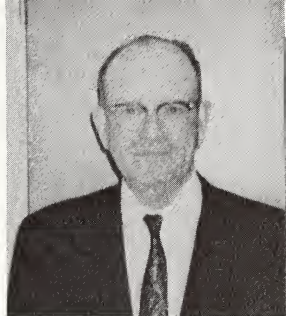
With the building completed, we dare not relax our efforts. God now calls the people of Grace Church to renew their personal devotion in being His servants in the service of men. With redoubled determination, sacrifice, and cooperative spirits may we continue to grow and develop our ministry to the spiritual needs of individuals, families, and our community.

In His Service,
Pastor Deerhake



Mr. Robert L. Ponsot
President - 1967-68

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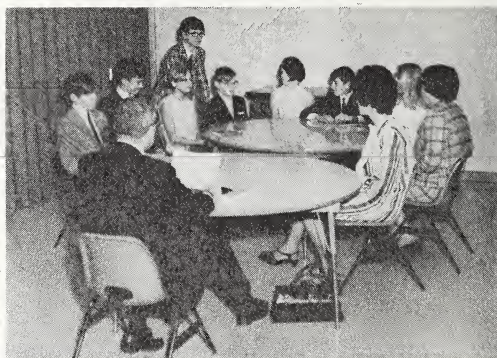
NURSERY



KINDERGARTEN



UPPER JUNIORS



JUNIOR HIGH



POST HIGH

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6. The Church School provides classes from 2 years of age through adults so all may grow in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.



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Senior Choir in the Chancel

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING, DECLARE
WE THE PRAISES OF GOD

4 choirs enjoy the new rehearsal and
robing room, giving opportunity to those
6 years of age and up to participate in
this ministry of music.

Directors are:

Senior Choir — Mr. Floyd Johnson

Expressionaires — Mr. Bud Hirons

Junior Choir — Mrs. Marvin Deerpake

Children's Choir—Mr. Donald Cochren

Organist — Mr. Jerry Mitchell



Expressionaires around the new piano

Junior Choir on rehearsal room risers



Children's Choir in front of new robe cabinets





LIBRARY

The gracious library with a capacity for 25 hundred books, has items of interest to even the small child as well as the adult. It also provides ample storage for audio visuals – filmstrips, projectors, screens, teaching pictures, records, etc. The youth periodicals and other magazines keep seekers abreast on current religious thought and events.



OFFICE

A new office area is conveniently located near the front entrance, with a workroom next to it, where supplies and church records can be properly stored. The complete office area has a ventilating and air conditioning system for year round comfort.

PASTOR'S STUDY

The Pastor's Study is located near the front entrance, readily accessible to all in need, and propinquent to the church office for convenient communication. The room gives opportunity for an informal counseling center as well as a spacious desk for conference meetings.





THE ELEVATOR — a helping hand for the aged and handicapped!

To provide for **all** people is our aim. The building was designed not only to minister to children but to the aged and handicapped as well. The elevator makes possible easy access to both levels of the building.

The rear entrance with its huge canopy, giving protection against inclement weather, permits the unloading and pick up of passengers without the hindrance of curbs or steps.

Rest rooms on each level also have special door openings and grab bars for those in wheel chairs.





THE LOUNGE with its fire place and comfortable furnishings provide a warm homy atmosphere for informal discussion, as well as group meetings, receptions, and relaxation.

A NEW KITCHEN, featuring among its modern equipment a new dish washer.



WOMEN'S GUILD in LOUNGE



SPACIOUS MIXING AREA provides room to visit with old friends and make new ones.

THE CRIB ROOM is equipped with heated floors for children to play on as well as refrigerator and a rest room scaled to children, adequately providing for infants and toddlers.



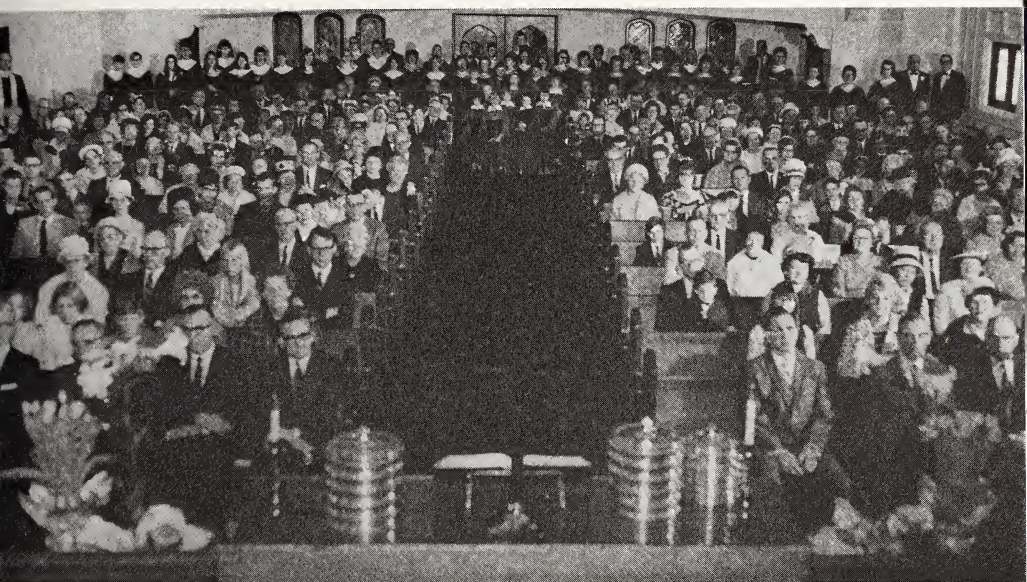


NEW WALKS provide comfortable ground level access to the building without steps. Canopy provides shelter from inclement weather.

THE PROMINENT TOWER calls our attention to the fact that this is a house of God. The platform in front of the tower is designed for a free standing symbol which will speak to the soul of man and lift up his heart to God. The unique design of the windows of the new structure is to remind us that this building is designed for Christian Education and to complement the sanctuary where we worship our heavenly Father.



WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY



WORSHIP OF GOD is central in the life of a congregation and of an individual. Through songs, prayers, meditations, reading of the scriptures, preaching of His Word and communion, we are reminded of God's great love for us.





1969 CONFIRMATION CLASS



A YOUTH AREA gives opportunity to varied activities. The kitchenette, with its refrigerator and stove, makes the preparation of snacks and refreshments an easy task.

The church offers a two year instruction period preparatory to church membership (usually 8th and 9th grades) and two youth groups — Junior High Youth Fellowship (grades 7, 8 & 9) and Senior High Youth Fellowship (grades 10, 11 & 12). Activities vary from studying of other faiths to Halloween parties — from Easter Sunrise services and Christmas Eve pageants to taffy-pulls.

Cooking up the taffy
Pull! Pull!! Pull!!!





TAPE RECORDING SERVICE

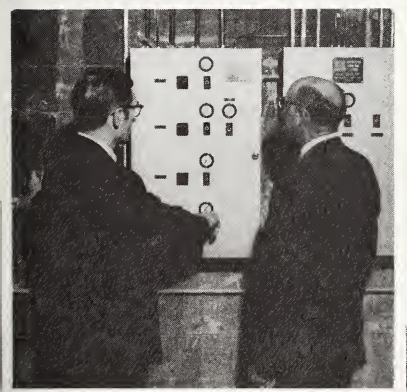
Miss Ethel Johnson

Each Sunday morning the worship service is recorded and in the afternoon and evening is delivered by Miss Johnson and her volunteer committee to ill and shut-in members so that they also can benefit from the service and experience God's church in their homes.



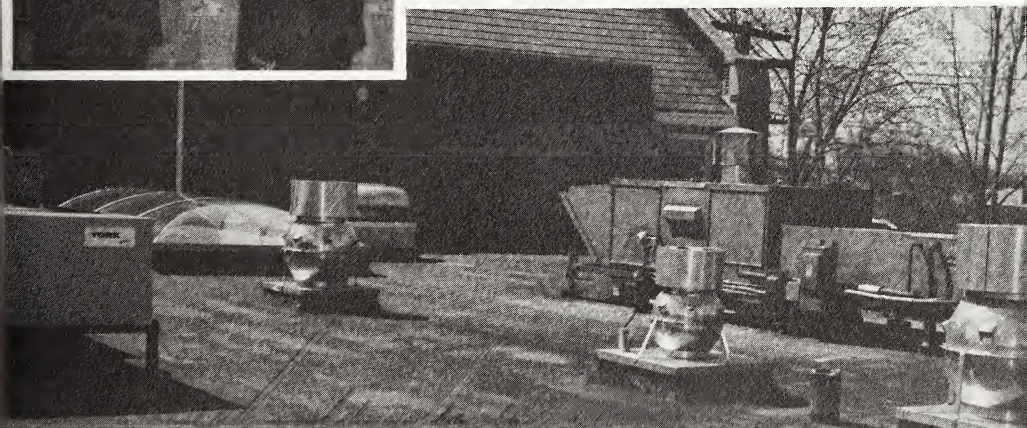
OUR CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT MEN

On Sunday, November 10, 1968, the men of the church called on each member, enlisting his support in a 3-year pledge period, with a goal of \$180,000 for operating, benevolence and building fund. With the assistance of the United Church of Christ's Financial Advisory Service, a week of training and preparation was held prior to Enlistment Sunday.



MODERN NEW HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

Two members of the Building and Grounds Committee check the modern automatic control panel. A completely new heating plant and ventilating and air-conditioning units will provide a comfortable year-round environment throughout the entire building.





The YOUNG-IN-HEART is an organization dedicated to good Christian fellowship among people 50 years of age or older. People of various denominational backgrounds enjoy the fellowship.



WHITE CROSS GUILD assists in whatever way possible the program of Parkview Hospital. Whether it is wrapping bandages, making tray favors, or supplying flowers for the chapel, these services are gladly given.



MINISTERING TO THE COMMUNITY

WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Through a weekday nursery program we strive to minister to the needs of young families of the community, giving the child a wholesome foundation for life through guided play, music, stories, activities, and experiencing Christian love freely given by devoted and dedicated teachers.



SCOUTING

In addition to Brownie Troop No. 174, Grace Church also hosts the Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 621 and the Cadet Troop No. 622. The Brownie promise – "I promise to do my best to love God and my country, to help other people every day, especially those at home.

During the past several years Grace Church received a number of legacies, as well as memorial gifts. Those who remembered the church in their will and the names of those in whose memory gifts were given will be recorded in a "Memorial Corner" appropriately located in the church.

MEMBERS OF DEDICATION COMMITTEE

Ralph Hannie, Chairman	Mrs. Esther Stoffels
Dwight Girod, Co-chairman	Mrs. Ray Sink
David Durnell	Mrs. Anna Ruth Clements
Lawrence Slater	Mrs. Donald Cochren
Timothy Marchal	Mrs. William Good
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